

The Normally Monthly Journal of the 1
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April 2014

Classic Torque

Welcome to the April Edition of the Club Newsletter! Well, the club Show and Shine certainly went off with a bang! 78 club bikes were presented for the show and shine, and at least that number of other bikes also attended with 40 coming from the gold coast Ulysses club alone!. Lots of outside spectators wandered around taking photos and re-living old memories. Around \$1000 was generated for the Cancer charity from both donations and the sausage sizzle. Many thanks for those who worked so hard to make the day the success it was. The venue was excellent, and the 2 shops that did open were very happy with the unusual crowd on a Sunday.



Judging of the club bikes was carried out by two independent judges. Awards will be presented at the club meeting In April. A highlight of the day was the presentation by club patron, Jack Ahearn, of the Trophy which he generously donated for the best restoration completed last year. The justifiably proud winner (seen above with his winning bike) was David Jupe with his beautifully presented 1954 BSA A10 Road Rocket. David has an advantage over many of us since he is part of a BSA mad family which own an enormous collection of BSAs. Runner up, Gerard Roche, can also be very proud of his excellent 1980 Norton Commando 850



Northern Rivers Classic Motorcycle Club Inc

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON: 11 March 2014 START: 7.50 pm

WELCOME: 33 MEMBERS 7 VISITORS, 10 APOLOGIES as per attendance sheet.

Welcome by president and introduction from visitors

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING READ

ACCEPTED: Mary Walker SECOND: Doug Hampson

BUSINESS ARISING -

1. Katrina still waiting on definite answer on insurance
2. Richard has second library cupboard in and filling up.

TREASURERS REPORT

ACCEPTED: Peter Lake SECOND: Eric Wilson

CORRESPONDENCE

1. IN: 7 newsletters
2. 5 membership renewals, 2 reminder letters returned address unknown
3. Details of Summerland Annual show Lismore August 3. \$5 entry fee
4. Thank you from Our House for donation to BBQ put on by Tony Evans
5. Invite to Motorcycle Museum Warranbool Vic
6. Invite to Griffith Motorcycle club rally 26/27 April
7. Trailer insurance renewal
8. PO Box renewal
9. Receipt from Council of Heritage Motor Club affiliation
10. Invite to opening of Indian Motor Cycle Museum Australia March 15
11. Invite to All-Indian rally 18-21 April

ACCEPTED: Mary Walker SECOND: Nancy McAndrew

Registrations report - 1 rego during the month reported by Bryson

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Peter Harvey reported he has spoken personally with some of the people who have benefited directly from the Our House BBQ.
2. Peter passed around new club badge design, still have a lot of club paraphernalia.
3. Col raised need for club to have a privacy policy.
4. Discussion on need to have as many bikes as possible at our club show. Winning bike for decade will receive a professional photograph of their bike on a plaque.
5. Eric reported newsletter template had a few printing issues - being rectified.
6. Thanks to Richard for getting the newsletter up and going again. Michael organised printer toner.
7. Stewart Hooper has upped his record to 183.37 mph
8. Summerland Car Club this year is charging \$5 per vehicle to enter.
9. Members paying by internet banking must reference their name to assist tracking.
10. Gold Coast motorcycle expo March 23

MEMBERS REPORTS

CLUB RUNS: 32 left and more arrived at Wadeville Woollies, we were made welcome.

Wednesday run went to Mooball cafe. Will be a good coffee stop on day of Hot Rods.

Col and Nancy went to Taree rally in the wet again.

NEXT RUN: Show at Alstonville, leaving Rous Hotel 8.30 or just arrive.

MEETING CLOSED: 8.50 pm

Because we missed a few newsletters, the Minutes of the December Annual General Meeting have been included in this newsletter to up date all members of committee and other positions held in the club for 2014.

OVERHEARD RECENTLY—

Last weekends we had a massive storm, knocked out the power and flooded the area; Couldn't take the bike out, couldn't watch TV, couldn't get on ebay or even play computer games; so talked to the wife instead. She seems like a nice person!

President report on the year and thanks committee for their assistance. Thanks to all members also for their support of the club, participation and good to see club growth.

Pat Holt responds on behalf of committee and members to thank Col for his excellent job as President and his participation in the club.

Minutes of previous AGM read and accepted Peter Lake. Second Pat Holt

No submissions for matters to be raised.

Treasurers report from General meeting submitted.

Col declares all positions vacant and vacates the chair which is taken by Peter Harvey.

No written nominations for any committee positions were received.

Peter suggests we could streamline, Pat Holt moves we do each position singly, seconded Peter Lake, carried.

Pat moves - any position with more than 1 nomination be decided by show of hands vote.

PRESIDENT

Peter Lake moves Col McAndrew, seconded Gerard Roche **DECLARED**

SECRETARY

Pat Holt nominates Katrina Jeffery seconded Peter Lake **DECLARED**

TREASURER

Peter Lake nominates Gerard Roche, seconded Pat Holt **DECLARED**

VICE PRESIDENT

Col McAndrew nominates Pat Holt, seconded Peter Lake **DECLARED**

Chair handed back to Col McAndrew

COMMITTEE

Col McAndrew nominates Frank Widdows and Peter Harvey, seconded Peter Lake
DECLARED

PUBLIC OFFICER Eric Wilson

LIBRARIAN Richard Swinton

REGISTRATION OFFICES Bryson Walker, Brian Reardon, Pat Holt, John Cafe

CATERING OFFICER Frank Widdows

RAFFLES David Bonhote-Mead

EVENTS COORDINATORS Peter Lake and Frank Widdows

MID WEEK RUN ORGANISER Rob Andrews

EDITOR Noel Edwards

ASSISTANT EDITOR Bernie Shailer and Richard Swinton

WEBMASTER Deiter Opfer

REGALIA OFFICER Peter Harvey

Meeting closed: 8.38 pm

President's Report; by Col Mc Andrew

A fantastic weekend was had by all who attended the Club's Show'n'Shine at Alstonville.

It is never known how many will turn up until the day, but the members response was exceptional. Some travelling long distances to show their bike and others making the effort to bring several bikes.

Another important part is the support from the public. We should be able to present the North Coast Cancer Institute with around \$1000 following the large donations made and the BBQ.

Thanks must go to all members who assisted with the many tasks required to make the day the success it was.

I hope the show has created inspiration for members to continue attending future club events.



From the Tiddler at the left to the Honda 1100 below; the range of bikes at the Club Show'n'Shine was fantastic. Probably because there was no street legal riding involved—no run—bikes emerged from the depths of sheds into the light of day. For example, Jack McIntosh and his boys brought in eight bikes, including some classic trail bikes like the Hodaka.



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As runners up of the Jack Ahearn Trophy, Gerard and Jan Roche can be justifiably proud of their restoration of the 1980 Norton Commando 850. (left)

And just to show there is still a market for 'classic' bikes, we had a new Royal Enfield Continental GT on site.



Winners of the year groups were: > **1930**, Alan Stratton's Ariel Model F: **1930 –39**, David Jupe's BSA Y13: **1940—49**, Marion Thearle's Velocette MSS: **1950—59**, Rex Goulding's BSA A10: **1960—69**, Geoff Wiseman's Velocette Thruxton: **1970—84 (Japanese)** Geoff Outerbridge's Kawasaki Z900: **1970—84 (other country)**, David Charlton's Desmo Ducati: **Sidecar**, David Jupe's BSA M21 AA road assist: **Bike of Show**, John Charlton's Yamaha XT500.



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Wednesday run to Wardell Pie Shop. 26 February by Rob Andrews

On a sunny and clear day 6 riders set off from the Old Lismore Railway Station at 9.10PM for a short ride to the famous Wardell Pie Shop. The route went via the Bruxner Highway, turn-off before Parrots Nest, through East Gundurimba, over Wyrallah Bridge (with a short stop at the old ferry reserve) and then past Katrina's home and Coraki township outskirts. Then we had a nice cool river-side cruise via Oakland and Bagotville roads to Meerschaum



Vale; finally getting down to Wardell and going under the bridge, missing the Pacific Highway traffic. 'The pack' this time consisted of one modern Triumph Bonneville and one 1989 Yamaha RZ 250R. The rest were - (yes- you have guessed it already) - all BMWs of one sort or another! I felt it was fitting to try and counteract the BMW-boxer corner-induced oil-fumes/smoke to occasionally substitute my own TTS oil-flavour via the only 2-stroke. The only other excuse for this place-swapping was the belief that the right and proper place for any small capacity 2-stroke, when mis-matched with such powerful 4-strokes, is to get well front of them....or conversely - well behind! This obviates multiple (but pleasurable, if timely) gear-changes, without the frustrating baulking on bends or speeding-up on hills. The problem & solution is the age-old conundrum of 2-stroke peak-revs versus 4-stroke smooth torque. There is no real compromise for these smaller capacity machines as keeping the revs up in the modern 2-stroke's "power-band" is essential to maintain any sort of decent road-speed. Well, after a nice coffee, delicious pies and a long chat and a demo over quieting barking dogs, we all returned to our homes independently. There was some minor confusion over Doug, who had suddenly disappeared from the Lismore/Wollongbar group. Despite a search-party being sent back - no black BMW was located. So it was eventually assumed he had decided to go back via a different route..

The problem with woman drivers

This morning on the freeway I looked over to my right and there was a woman in a brand new Volkswagen Golf doing 100 km per hour with her face up next to her rear view mirror putting on her eyeliner!

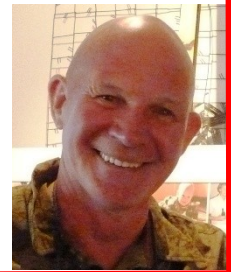
I looked away for a couple seconds and when I looked back she was halfway over in my lane, still working on that makeup.

As a man, I don't scare easily, but she gave me such a fright I dropped my electric shaver, which knocked the meat pie out of my other hand.

In all the confusion of trying to straighten out the car using my knees against the steering wheel, my mobile phone slid out from between my shoulder and my ear, and fell into the coffee between my legs, which splashed and burned 'Big Tom and the Twins', ruined the phone, soaked my trousers and disconnected an important call. Bloody women drivers!!

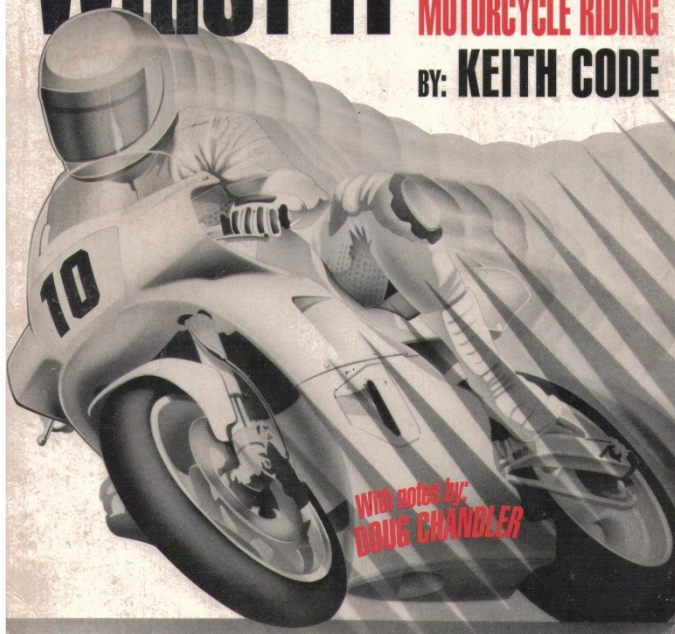
From the editors desk—

Since we're starting from fresh for this issue, I thought it would be a bright idea to ask you, the reader, just what it is you want in the club newsletter. Do you want lots of jokes? Photos of the members? Pics of bikes? Articles on historic bikes? We have to include the minutes and I feel a listing of upcoming events is useful—but what else? Let me know by email, phone or at the club meetings.



A TWIST OF THE WRIST II

THE BASICS OF
HIGH-PERFORMANCE
MOTORCYCLE RIDING
BY: KEITH CODE



A safety tip from “A Twist of the Wrist II—the basics of high performance motorcycle riding”, by Keith Code 1993.

Many of you would have read this book, but it's a new one on me—and I'm not aiming to race the old BMW! but I felt I might learn something about handling, etc.

But what came up for me immediately was his tip on 'WIDE VISION'. Especially as we age, we all tend to focus on the centre of our field of vision—where the action is. But when you ride a bike on the road, the action can be coming at you from the sides. His tip is to try to train yourself to become more consciously aware of the peripheral view—without moving your eyes, just become aware of what's happening either side of what's in front of you. Try it— It takes discipline and practice to keep it up, but it's a skill which might prevent an accident because riders have to look out for all other road users—they don't look out for you! This book is available through the library.

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Wednesday run to Mooball, March 5:

For all those of you who haven't successfully reached the 'Classic' age, (ie, retired and therefore free to ride with the wind during the week), the latest **Wednesday run, March 5th**, saw 8 regulars leave the railway station at the usual (late) time and heading out along the Bangalow road to the Eureka turnoff.

A sharp lefty, and suddenly I'm prodded into the lead! My mind goes more blank than usual as fear of failure overwhelms me. Can I remember the route? All these roads look the same! More importantly, How fast should I go? A tricky decision, especially when you don't trust your speedo. A few did decide to travel a bit slower, but each corner led to the next and we made it via Federal to Mullumbimby, then the Tunnel road out onto the Tweed Valley way and onto Mooball (inexplicably pronounced 'Moball' by the locals!).

The **Mooball Café** served us coffee as we looked at the collection of cars, bikes and other petrol head paraphernalia. The TV displayed a somewhat incongruous ballet show. The weather looked a bit suspicious when we started, but apart from a few stretches of wet road, we missed every shower and it was cool enough to wear jackets without serious sweating. A beautiful 1953 Austin Healey 100/4 dropped in for fuel and we chatted to the driver before the group broke up and we headed home along which ever route suited each of us.



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NRCMC Club Events



Club run each month on the 1st Sunday after the meeting.

Sunday runs now start only from Lismore

Rous Hotel

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***Note:** Every Sunday is now an authorised club ride.*

WEDNESDAY Mid-week runs start at Lismore Railway at 9 am on the 1st and 4th Wednesday

29- 30 March—Darlington camp ride; contact Tony Kempnich 66281806, Leave Railway station 8.30. Food provide , \$25/hd.

April 13—pre 70's ride to Toonumbah Dam, Everyone welcome, but please bring a pre 60s bike if you have one. Backup trailer provided.

April 21 (Easter Monday)— Club Charity BBQ at Bunnings, Lismore. Please bring bike for display

May 11—16 - 12th Over the hill run. Contact Tony Kempnich 02 6628 1806

June 15—Slow bike run to Evans Head F111 museum and coffee at riverside

July 13—Ride to MooMoo café then to Brunswick hds hotrod show

Upcoming Rallies & Events Organised by other Clubs

Mar 23—Black Dog Ride day. Pre registration preferred on <http://mailbuild.millstream.com.au/t/r-l-pjddjut-jihhuuulh-s/>>

April 4—6 Inverell Rally

April 13—21—Bathurst Rally for easter

April 18—21 All Indian rally at Murwillumbah showground

May 18—The Circle take 2, start at Rous hotel

May 24—25 Ray Owen concourse At Mt Tambourine, Qld

May 30—April 1—Clarence Valley Nymboida Canoe Centre overnigher

July 18—20—Tamworth MCC rally



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For Sale (or give away) and Wanted to buy (or find):

With just on 100 club members and their network of friends and family plus the website read by other clubs —this newsletter reaches a surprisingly wide. Audience. So, if you have bits clogging up your shed, or 'she who must be obeyed' has mentioned it once or twice; here's your opportunity to clear the space!! Or, alternatively to find that special bit you need. Just email me (see details in the club officials list) and your desires will be broadcast for the anxious world to read.

Errol Smith has been told not to ride anymore, so his favourite bikes are for sale, price by negotiation. He has a 1980 Honda CX 500 which he bought to ride in the Over the Hill Run, and a lovely 1955 Matchless G80 with new mufflers. He especially wants the Matchless to go to someone who wants to ride it, not to a collector or speculator.. Contact Errol on 02 6628 2004

Run to Evans Head fly in— January 11. It's a long time ago now, but a group of club members took their bikes down to the Evans head bi annual fly-in. We parked our bikes as part of the display, and then wandered off to look at the aircraft and other exhibits. Some of us took joyrides in helicopters and old warbirds, but one member struck the jackpot when he scored a trip in a P52 mustang back up to Caloundra for less than half price!! He parked his bike with a local and planned to hitchhike home!!!



The F111 is well worth a look!.



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The first weekend in March has been the first event on the NSW Rally calendar.

Club members the McAndrews and the Strattons, attended this time around.

The Thursday ride for pre 1930 bikes had several attending. Unfortunately the Friday ride for Girder Forked bikes (and others) had us ride into a huge rain cloud. By the time we got to Wingham for lunch we were all very wet and most elected to return via the direct route rather than the longer rally ride.

Friday night saw continuous rain and at the breakfast only 18 out of the 80 entrants elected to go on the ride. Half of these returned saturated before they reached the halfway mark.

The Saturday evening presentation was well attended and very social.

My choice for BIKE of the Rally was a very early unrestored Indian which was ridden on all 4 days of the event

This is a great Rally and i encourage others to consider putting it in their diary for next March.—Col McAndrew



A little bit more of club history— In my conversations with some of the elders (not olders) of the club, I discovered that one of our annual runs was inspired by an early group, one of who had a relative in Cooma, travelling down there to the Victorian Alps for a 5 day rally. After a few years, the group decided that we could do that up here, so the Over the hill run developed.

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Always fix the problem as well as the symptom

The only way to really find out if something is better is to try it yourself

Just because something makes sense doesn't mean it's right

Changes are as likely to be tradeoffs as improvements

Nothing is believable until you've made the same mistake yourself

Even if you cut it twice it will still be too short

Don't fix it if it ain't broke — unless you know it's going to break anyway

A big problem is easier to find than a small one

No easier or cheaper approach is ever the best way

Wrenches are brain tools, not hand tools

Rarely does anything work out the way you want if left to chance

Maintenance is almost always easier than repairs — and costs less too

And for your friends and motorcycling acquaintances along the way who wonder why you don't ride a motorcycle with a number plate ending with an "H", just remind them that the best is rarely the most popular.



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Our Club's objectives :-

The objectives of the NRCMC are *primarily* to encourage the restoration, preservation, and riding of older motorcycles. Through its various activities, the club promotes motorcycling and the links to a bygone era with several organised monthly rides as well as our involvement in displaying our bikes at charity functions etc.

The club holds its annual Classic Rally in September each year and entry is open for everybody to attend regardless of the type or age of their machinery. Club members also attend rallies organised by other clubs throughout the year.

The club endeavors to cater for families and all members partners and children are most welcome to attend any meetings or outings. Membership is open to anybody with an interest in motorcycling and there is No prerequisite to currently own a new or old motorcycle.

Monthly Meetings

Monthly meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month in the Clunes Memorial Hall, Walker Street in Clunes. They start at 7.30 pm. Membership \$40 per annum, fees due in December.

Organised Runs

A breakfast run is held on the Sunday immediately following the club's monthly meeting. We meet at the Lismore Rous Hotel at 8.30 am. Start times sometimes vary so please check the latest newsletter or the club website. Every other Sunday can be a club run but members must contact the Events ~~O~~rganiser. There are also 2 Mid-week runs departing Lismore Railway on 1st and 4th Wednesday of the month at 9 am. Contact Rob Andrews on 6621 4083.